

determine is or are legally entitled thereto. Any payment made by the Auditor under this section shall be a bar to a recovery by any other person."

Recomputation.

SEC. 10. The annuities of all teachers retired prior to the effective date of this Act shall be recomputed in accordance with the provisions of section 4 of this Act within ninety days after the approval of this Act retroactive to the effective date of this Act, and no recomputation shall be made which will reduce the annuity received by any retired teacher: *Provided*, That the average annual salary during any five consecutive years, specified in section 4 of this Act, upon which the annuity is based shall be within the last ten years of allowable service in the public schools of the District of Columbia: *Provided further*, That the increased amount of the annuity resulting therefrom shall be a straight life annuity without any insurance or death benefits of any kind.

Effective date.

SEC. 11. This Act shall take effect on the first day of the second month following its enactment.

Approved March 6, 1952.

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CHAPTER 96

AN ACT

March 7, 1952
[S. 1710]

To authorize the Secretary of the Army to convey certain road right-of-way easements in De Kalb and Putnam Counties, Tennessee, to the State of Tennessee.

Tennessee.
Conveyance.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Army is authorized to convey to the State of Tennessee, without reimbursement, all the right, title, and interest of the United States in and to those certain road right-of-way easements over lands in De Kalb and Putnam Counties, Tennessee, acquired by the United States for use as an access road to the Center Hill Dam and Reservoir, all as set out on sheets 4 to 16, inclusive, of highway drawing dated March 1942, designated as "Right Bank Access Road—Dam Site to Silver Point" on file in the Office, Chief of Engineers, Department of the Army.

Approved March 7, 1952.

Public Law 276

CHAPTER 97

AN ACT

March 10, 1952
[S. 1411]

To authorize the Postmaster General to issue duplicate checks without requiring bond when such checks of the Post Office Department are lost while in the custody of the United States or lost without fault of owner or holder.

Post Office Department checks.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the proviso in section 3646 (e) of the Revised Statutes of the United States (31 U. S. C. 528 (e)) is amended to read as follows: "*Provided*, That when the Postmaster General is satisfied that such loss, theft, or destruction occurred without fault of the owner or holder or while any check was in the custody or control of the Post Office Department or in the mails, the Postmaster General may, in lieu of an indemnity bond, authorize the issuance of a substitute check or warrant upon such affidavit as he may prescribe, to be made by the payee or owner of an original check."

Approved March 10, 1952.